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Docket No. 11197/5

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW		Attorney Docket Number: 11197/5	
Applicant Takahiro Nakajima, et al.	Application No. 09/830,223	Filing Date July 13, 2001	
		Examiner J.W. Pasterczyk	Art Unit 1755
Invention Title POLYMERIZATION CATALYST FOR POLYMER PRODUCTION, POLYESTER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYESTER			

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SIR:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in the telephone interview conducted on **June 27, 2006**, and provide this timely Statement of the Substance of the Interview in compliance with MPEP § 713.04:

- (A) Exhibits: Not applicable.
- (B) Claims: Claims 78-92, 94-118, and 125 were discussed.
- (C) Prior art: Yu (U.S. Statutory Invention Registration H766) was discussed.
- (D) Amendments: Not applicable.
- (E) Principal Arguments of Applicants: Not applicable.
- (F) Other matters: Applicants' representative requested a statement of the bases for the rejections of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) made in the Advisory Action mailed June 20, 2006. The Examiner stated that his reasons for the rejections are as follows:
  - (i) Yu discloses contacting an acid and an alcohol in the presence of a catalyst, as recited in claim 125, as a typical dehydration reaction

during its polyesteramide production. Therefore, it would have been obvious from Yu to use such a dehydration reaction to produce the polyester of Applicants' invention.

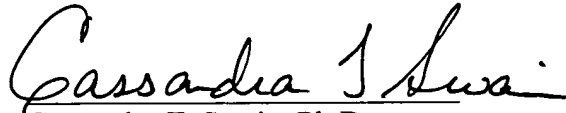
- (ii) Yu discloses a catalyst having at least one metal-containing component and an organic compound component, as recited in claim 125. Therefore, it would have been obvious from Yu to use such a catalyst to produce the polyester of Applicants' invention.

(G) Agreement: Not applicable.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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